

## NEW OUTBREAK IN THE TRADE UNION

### Union Workmen On Jewish Tabernacle Go On Strike.

### Third of Series of Troubles With Roofing Company

## SHOWDOWN ON VAN DORP?

**Might as Well Come Now, Says  
T. W. Williamson.**

**More Walkouts Anticipated To-  
morrow, It Is Said.**

Is the much-heralded open shop war coming to Topeka?  
Wark has stopped on the Jewish

synagogue being erected by George Senne, contractor, at Fifth and Harrison streets, so far as the members of the Topeka Building Trades council, an organization which takes in the majority of the unions in the building trades, is concerned.

**Employed Two Nonunion Men.**

This is the third time within the year that the unions have walked out when men employed by Van Dorp were put on jobs, because Van Dorp runs an open shop. "I ask none of my men whether they belong to unions or not," says an open shop. "I don't know whether or not they are union men or not, nor care to know as long as they

do their work," Van Dorp said this afternoon.

**Van Dorp's Men Working.**

Van Dorp's men are still working on the synagogue. A committee representing the council called on Van Dorp this morning, and this afternoon he stated that he had received information that the union men on three other large jobs which he has on hand

at the present time would walk out Thursday.

"I can't say as to that, yet," Senne said today when asked whether he intended to employ non-union men to carry on his jobs.

**Pays Union Scale.**

Van Dorp's men and their work-

Some contractors believe that the open or closed shop proposition has come to Tepeks to be settled at once.

Others think that because the unions have tried to force Van Dorp to operate a closed shop in the past that they are simply making another attempt directed at him personally.

**Some Employed Thirty-Five Years.**

Some of Van Dorp's workmen have been with him for as much as thirty-

When his men were put to work on the Trinity Methodist church, a strike was called last spring. The same thing occurred when his men went to work on the Buchanan school, and the construction of both buildings was held up as a result.

The labor council "got around" the difficulty and went back to work because they did not want to force the issue, according to Thomas W. Williamson, architect. In both instances, the union men giving the excuse that the contracts had been let for the buildings before the Van Dorp concern was declared unfair by the union.

**Issue Unfair Declaration.**  
The unfair declaration, however, was issued nearly a month before either contract was let, Williamson says.

as well as have it out to a showdown right now," said Williamson today.

## VANISHES WITH MASKED MEN

Attorney Taken From Cell by Mob—  
Now Cannot Be Found

Caddo, Tex., Dec. 29.—Masked men broke into the Caddo jail last midnight and whisked away Will R. Saunders, prominent attorney, who had been arrested Wednesday in connection with a fire in a hotel and

No trace of the men or Saunders had been found at noon today.

Following his arrest, Saunders went to Breckenridge with his attorney, Victor L. Shurtliff, and arranged to be released on bond.

No one was at the jail at the time the masked men entered it but the

noise attracted teamsters working nearby. They gave the alarm.

## AGRICULTURISTS TO MEET

Special Meeting of Kansas Council To Hold Conference Thursday

Members of the executive committee of the Kansas Agricultural council will hold a special meeting in the state house Thursday. The meeting has been called by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture.

All of the farming and livestock organizations of the state are associated with the Agricultural council. It is the clearing house thru which expression will be made this winter as to farm and livestock demands for legis-

**Water Costs More There**  
Madison, Wis., Dec. 29.—Water rates in Hurley, Wis., the town

raided by prohibition agents, were advanced 50 per cent today by the state rate commission. The water company asked a 50 per cent increase.